

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite, and these claims were also objected to because of the numerous noted informalities. In response, claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been extensively amended to address and correct all of the noted informalities and points of indefiniteness, and it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

In response to the objection to the disclosure for failing to include headings, Applicants respectfully decline to add headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

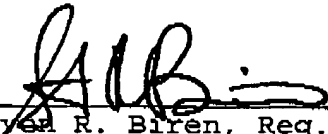
On the merits, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Bridge (cited by Applicants) and were also rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jovanovic et al. However, it was expressly noted in the Action that because it was unclear whether certain noted limitations of independent claims 1 and 11 were part of the claimed invention, they were given no patentable weight, and that the rejections were made in view of the vague and indefinite nature of the claims as previously presented.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, now particularly and precisely define the subject matter of the instant invention in a manner which is clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references.

Since the previously-presented claims were deemed to be vague and indefinite, and certain limitations were afforded no patentable weight, the claims were rejected only in a general sense without addressing the specific points of novelty presented therein. In response, it is respectfully submitted that at least the limitations regarding the timing of driving the switching elements with reference to the occurrence of a shoot through current or the conduction of a free wheeling diode, as now more clearly and precisely recited in independent claims 1 and 11, are neither shown nor suggested in the cited and applied references. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, are now in proper form, fully comply with the requirements of §112 and define an invention which is clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, allowance of the currently-pending claims is now

respectfully submitted to be justified, and favorable consideration  
is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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